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Applicants : Bryan W. Shirk et al.
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For : BIODEGRADABLE VEHICLE
COMPONENTS
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 24, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendment to the Claims

Please amend the claims as in the following claim listing. The claim listing replaces all prior versions and claim listings in the application.

(Currently amended) 1. A vehicle component comprising a

biodegradable material, said biodegradable material including a polyhydroxyalkanoate resin, at least one of a fiber, a continuous matrix, a filler, or a cellular material;
the fiber, the continuous matrix, the filler, or the cellular material

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